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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

*Communication after Decision by Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences*

1. In a decision rendered on September 9, 2003, the Board affirmed the examiner's rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and of claims 16, 18, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by Flanigan. The examiner has thus cancelled claims 12, 16, 18, and 20 in accordance with MPEP §1214.06

2. The period for seeking court review of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on September 9, 2003 has expired and no further action has been taken by appellant. The proceedings as to the rejected claims are considered terminated; see 37 CFR 1.197(c).

The application will be passed to issue on allowed claims [see paragraph No. 2 below for more information] provided the following formal matters are promptly corrected: the abstract is shortened and otherwise amended to remove references to the purported merits of the invention and thus avoid the objections thereto as cited in Paper No. 7 [mailed on November 6, 2001], and "everyone" [claim 1, line 8; claim 8, line 8] is replaced with "every one" to obviate the objections to the claims as previously cited in Paper No. 7 [mailed on November 6, 2001].

Applicant is required to make the necessary corrections addressing the outstanding formal matters within a shortened statutory period set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter. Extensions of time may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136 to comply with the above cited requirement.

3. Also, claim 19 is incomplete because the claim on which it depends from (i.e., claim 16) has been cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP §1214.06 as already noted above. Applicant is given an **ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAY TIME LIMIT** from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, in which to present claim 19 in independent form. [Note: Care should be taken to avoid introducing problems under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph due to there being a broad limitation

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followed by a narrow limitation in the same claim.] **NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED** to comply with this deadline. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in cancellation of claim 19 and this application will be allowed with claims 1 through 3, 5, 8 through 10, and 13 through 15.

Prosecution is otherwise closed.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925. While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.

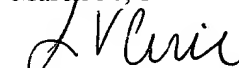
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel, can be reached on (703) 308-1272.

The NEW central official fax phone number is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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March 30, 2004

  
LJILJANA V. CIRIC  
PRIMARY EXAMINER  
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